

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 2 beginning at line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

--However, the aforesaid first conventional copper base alloy contains Pb although the alloy is superior in the ~~resistances~~ resistances to seizure, wear and the like. Use of Pb should be avoided since Pb is a substance contaminating environment.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 3 beginning at line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

--To achieve the object, the present invention provides a copper base alloy suitable for use as a material of a sliding member ~~consisting of~~ comprising, by mass %, 15 to 25% Zn, 4.2 to 10% Bi, 2 to 7% Mn, 1 to 3% Si and balance of Cu and unavoidable impurities, the alloy having a structure of which matrix is composed of  $\alpha$ -single phase, wherein a eutectic structure of the  $\alpha$ -phase and an Mn-Si compound and Bi particle are distributed throughout the matrix.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 8 beginning at line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

--In the seizure resistance test, a bearing specific load was ~~increase~~ increased from 5 MPa to 50 MPa by 5 MPa every

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30 minutes. Occurrence of seizure was determined when a rear face temperature of the bearing exceeded 200° C or when a frictional force reached 490 N. cm. FIG. 2 shows the results of the seizure resistance test thus conducted under the above-mentioned conditions.--